

## Tulare Adult School faces more cuts

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Tulare Adult School faces an additional \$775,000 in cuts under a proposal that Tulare high school district officials will share with trustees Tuesday.

Most of the discussion will be in closed session, district officials said. Some cuts involve contract negotiations, they said.

Howard Berger, Tulare Joint Union High School District superintendent, said every program in the district is included in the budget proposal.

He provided no details.

District officials project a \$5.3 million deficit for the 2010-11 school year.

"[Budget cuts are] an attempt to maintain the physical solvency of the district," Berger said.

"If the district spends more than it's taking in, it's a matter of time before the district goes under — just like any other business."

The district already has made \$225,000 in cuts to the Adult School.

Marie Pinto, Tulare Adult School director, said anything not a core program could be cut. That includes most of the school's elective courses, such as cake decorating and sewing.

Core programs include the school's GED, high-school diploma, English-as-a-second-language and career-technical-education courses, she said.

Layoffs are a possibility, Pinto said. But full-time staff will be maintained.

"It's going to be some very difficult decisions for the board, and it's the same difficult decisions that all school districts are looking at," Berger said.

### How to attend

- What: Tulare Joint Union High School District

meeting

- When: 6:30 p.m. Tuesday
- Where: 426 North Blackstone St., Tulare

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